Remarks

The claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments to the claims are being made merely to clarify the invention. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 19, 2009. The claims were amended as discussed in the interview. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication during the interview that the present amendments appeared to overcome the rejections in the pending Office Action. The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner reserved the right to update or supplement his search. The Applicant would also like to point out that claims 33 and 34 are now canceled. Therefore, the Office's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 is now moot.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicant traverses the rejections and preserves all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, including any fees required for an extension of time not already paid for or any other required fees not already paid for, or to credit any overpayment of fees, to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

Respectfully Submitted,

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